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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 9, 2006.

Applicant elects the invention of Group I, identified as claim 1-16, drawn to an operating mechanism for a medical device classified in class 200, subclass 205.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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